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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OHBA ET AL.

Examiner

Djenane M Bayard

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/28/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. Applicant is required to delete the embedded hyperlink and/or other form of browser-executable code. See MPEP § 608.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,572,622 to Manohar et al.

a. As per claims 1, Manohar et al teaches a dynamic customized web tour. Furthermore, Manohar et al teaches an information presentation system connected to a user terminal through a network to provide a program schedule to the user terminal, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows a user to access web sites, said information presentation system comprising: a tour history data storing unit having a tour history data item stored therein, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites (See col. 8, lines 30-35); a screenplay data storing unit having a screenplay data item stored therein, the

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screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, comments about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments about the selected web sites, the tour history data item and the screenplay data item together forming the program schedule (See col. 8, lines 48-56 and col. 15, lines 5-11); and a program schedule manager operable to supply the program schedule to the user terminal in response to a request from the user terminal (See col. 4, lines 18-20).

b. As per claim 2, Manohar et al teaches a dynamic customized web tour. Furthermore, Manohar et al teaches an information presentation system connected to a user terminal through a network to provide a program schedule to the user terminal, the program schedule representing an on-tour program that allows a user to access web sites during which a character explains about the web sites to the user, said information presentation system comprising: a tour history data storing unit having a tour history data item stored therein, the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites (See col. 8, lines 30-35); a character data storing unit having a character data item stored therein, the character data item including an image of the character (See col. 16, lines 10-15); a screenplay data storing unit having a screenplay data item stored therein, the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item, timing to display the image of the character, comments of the character about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments of the character, the tour history data item, the screenplay data item and the character data item together forming the program schedule (See col. 8, lines 48-56 and col. 15, lines 5-11); and a program schedule manager operable to supply the program schedule to the user terminal in

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response to a request from the user terminal (See col. 4, lines 18-20).

c. As per claim 3, Manohar et al teaches the claimed invention as described above.

Furthermore, Manohar et al teaches an information presentation system further comprising an index data storage unit having program index data stored therein, wherein said program schedule manager supplies the program index data to the user terminal in response to a request from the user terminal (See col. 9, lines 50-55).

d. As per claims 4,7, 9, 11-13, Manohar et al teaches an information processing system connected to a network and having a display device and a web browser having a display window, comprising: a communication controller operable to receive program schedules through the network, each of the program schedules including a tour history data item and a screenplay data item (See col. 13, lines 25-42), the tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites (See col. 8, lines 30-35), and the screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item , comments about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments about the selected web sites (See col. 8, lines 48-56 and col. 15, lines 5-11); a program schedule decoder operable to decode the program schedules received by said communication controller (See col. 13, lines 43-57); and a screen display controller operable to control the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item in a program schedule received by the communication controller (See col. 14, lines 10-18), and to control the display device to display the display window of the web browser and the comments

about the selected web sites (See col. 10, lines 38-67)

e. As per claims 5,8, 10 and 14 Manohar et al teaches an information processing system connected to a network and having a display device and a web browser having a display window, comprising: a communication controller operable to receive program schedules through the network, each of the program schedules including a tour history data item representing a web tour history designating selected web sites, a character data item including an image of the character, and a screenplay data item representing timing to access the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item (See col. 13, lines 25-42), timing to display the image of the character, comments of the character about the selected web sites, and timing to display the comments of the character(See col. 16, lines 10-15); a program schedule decoder operable to decode the program schedules received by said communication controller (See col. 13, lines 43-57); and a screen display controller operable to control the web browser to achieve automatic access to the selected web sites in accordance with the tour history data item and the screenplay data item in a program schedule received by the communication controller (See col. 14, lines 10-18), and to control the display device to display the display window of the web browser, the image of the character, and the comments of the character about the selected web sites (See col. 10, lines 38-67).

f. As per claim 6, Manohar et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Manohar et al teaches a web site storing unit, wherein said program schedule decoder accesses beforehand all of the selected web sites designated by the tour history data item

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and stores information about the selected web sites in said web site storing unit (See col. 9, lines 5-10).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent No. 6,009,429 to Greer et al teaches an Html Guided Web tour.

U.S. Patent No. 6,182,072 to Leak et al teaches a method and apparatus for generating a tour of World Wide web sites.

U.S. Patent No. 5,809,247 to Richardson et al teaches a method and apparatus for guided touring of Internet/Intranet websites.

U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0054089 to Tso et al teaches a system and method for providing a guided tour of a web site.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Djenane M Bayard whose telephone number is (571) 272-3878.


The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday 5:30 AM- 3:00 PM..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (571) 272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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